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The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin

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This bulletin is a compilation of **currently active** DX operations (or those that will become active within the current week) from recent issues of the three DX bulletins listed below and other sources. Credit for the source is given at the end of each article.

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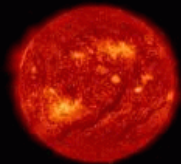
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Solar-Terrestrial Data

01 Jun 2024 1718 GMT
 SFI: 179 SN: 148
 A-Index: 12
 K-Index: 1
 X-Ray: C1.8
 304A: 148.8 @ SEM
 Ptn Flx: 848
 Elc Flx: 2550
 Aurora: 1/n=1.99
 Mag (Bz): 2.6
 Solar Wind: 339.6
 Geomag Field VR QUIET
 Sig Noise Lvl S0-S1
 Current Solar Image



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DX News

4X, ISRAEL. Team **4X2DS** will be active from the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest land-based elevation on Earth (440 meters below sea level), from **May 30th to June 3rd**. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/4X2DS> for more information. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via [4Z5TT](#).

-[425DXN # 1724 May 18, 2024] (0524-0607)

5U, NIGER. Elvira, IV3FSG will be active **5U5K** from Niger on **June 6th-20th**. She will operate SSB, FT8/FT4 (using MSHV in multi-stream mode), RTTY and maybe some CW on 160-6 meters. Francesco, IKØXBX will be her pilot station. QSL direct to [IK2DUW](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0621)

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. A large group of operators will be active as **9M4VM** from Pulau Besar (AS-097), West Malaysia from **May 31st to June 2nd**. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters with two stations. Neither LoTW nor ClubLog will be used. QSL direct to [9M2HUS](https://www.facebook.com/kldxteam/).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0531-0607)

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as **9M4IOTA** from Kapas Island (AS-073), West Malaysia from **May 31st to June 2nd**. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 meters. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/kldxteam/>.

-[425DXN # 1724 May 18, 2024] (0531-0607)

9N, NEPAL. Watch for Nabin, **9N2NK**, operating from Kathmandu on 20, 15, and 10m (FT8). See his real-time log at: <https://www.nabinpoudel.com.np/ham-radio/qso-logs>. QSL direct via **9N2NK**.

-[DXNL # 2408 May 29, 2024] (0531-0621)

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Pedro, CT7AHV will be active again as **C91AHV** from Chinonaquila, Mozambique from **June 3rd to 15th**. He will operate FT8, SSB and CW on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. Initial plans are to concentrate on the HF bands on June 4th-7th (FT8) and June 9th-12th (SSB and CW), and on 6 meters on June 13th-15th (CW, SSB and FT8). On June 8th he will do a POTA activation from the Lubombo Conservation Area. Check <https://www.qrz.com/db/C91AHV> for updates. QSL via [EA5GL](https://www.facebook.com/EA5GL), LoTW, [ClubLog's QQRS](https://www.facebook.com/ClubLog's%20QQRS).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0531-0614)

D4, CAPE VERDE. Harald, DF2WO as **D44TWO** and Adolf, DG9KAN as **D44KAN** will be active from Sao Tiago (AF-005), Cape Verde on **June 6th-22nd**. Look for D44TWO to be QRV "all modes, all bands" (6 meters included) and via QO-100, while D44KAN will operate mainly SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL D44TWO via [M0OXO's QQRS](https://www.facebook.com/M0OXO's%20QQRS); QSL D44KAN via eQSL, or direct to [DG9KAN](https://www.facebook.com/DG9KAN).

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0621)

DL, GERMANY. The Berlin Airlift was an operation that carried supplies by plane to the Allied sectors of West Berlin over a Russian blockade. For more than a year, hundreds of American, British and French cargo planes ferried provisions to West Berlin's Tempelhof, Gatow and Tegel airfields. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of the Berlin Airlift, three special event stations will be active from **May 12th until June 24th**: **DLØGWW** for Gatow, **DLØTXL** for Tegel, and **DLØTHF** for Tempelhof. An award will be available: <https://ham-awards.de/index.php/75luft/>. An operating schedule is available here: <https://www.darc.de/der-club/distrikte/ortsverbaende/33/75luft/>. Paper QSL cards will not be provided; QSL via LoTW, QRZ Logbook, and the DARC Community Logbook.

-[425DXN # 1724 May 18, 2024] (0517-0628)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list as of May 24, 2024:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island
2. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	12. ZS8	Prince Edward & Marion Islands
3. CEØX	San Felix Islands	13. KH4	Midway Island
4. BV9P	Pratas Island	14. VKØM	Macquarie Island
5. KH7K	Kure Island	15. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
6. KH3	Johnston Island	16. KP5	Desecheo Island
7. FT/G	Glorioso Island	17. VPØS	South Sandwich Islands
8. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	18. KH5	Palmyra & Jarvis Islands
9. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island	19. ZL9	New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
10. YVØ	Aves Island	20. FK/C	Chesterfield Islands

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF May 24, 2024] (0524-0607)

ET, ETHIOPIA. Ken, K4ZW, has returned to Addis Abeba and will be active as **ET3AA**. He hopes to eliminate some HF noise sources and set up a new PC at the station as well. QSL via [N2OO](https://www.facebook.com/N2OO).

-[DXNL # 2406 May 15, 2024] (0517-0607)

F, FRANCE. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, French special event stations include **TM6DD**, operated by members of the Association des Radioamateurs de l'Orne from Utah Beach on **June 3rd-8th**, and **TM8ØDDAY**, operated by a group of Dutch scouts (PA3EFR/J) from

Omaha Beach on **June 4th-9th**. QSL TM6DD via [F6IGY](#).

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0607)

F, FRANCE. For the 72nd year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate special event station **TM24H** for the 24 Hours of Le Mans on **June 2nd-16th**, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via [F6KFI](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0621)

F, FRANCE. Team **TM80DD** will be active on **June 1st-16th** to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy (June 6, 1944). They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands. QSL via [F5JYD](#).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0531-0621)

F, FRANCE. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, members of the Union des Radioclubs (URC) will be active as **TM80D** from **May 23rd to June 6th**, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 25th-26th). See <https://log-et-qsl.associations-radioamateurs.org/wp/> for eQSLs.

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0607)

F, FRANCE. Members of the Radio Pole Associatif REF-40 (F4KLM) will be active as **TM40FLO** from **May 21st to June 4th** as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through the French Department of Landes. QSL via [F4KLM](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0607)

F, FRANCE. Special event station **TM85JO** operates around the Olympic Torch stages from **May 8th to 12th**, **June 8th to 9th**, **June 21st to 23rd**, **July 12th to 14th**, and on **July 26th**. QSL via bureau.

-[DXNL # 2405 May 8, 2024] (0510-0726)

FS, SAINT MARTIN. John, K9EL will be active holiday style as **FS/K9EL** from St. Martin (NA-105) on **June 5th-19th**. He will focus on 6 meters when the band is open, with limited activity on other bands. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), LoTW, or via [K9EL](#).

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0621)

FT/G, GLORIOSO IS. Marek, FH4VVK will be active as **FT4GL** from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands (AF-011) from **May 24th to June 19th**. The most recent activity from the islands dates back to 2009 (FT5GA), and the Glorieuses are currently ranked 8th on ClubLog's DXCC Most Wanted List. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on 6 meters, EME, or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog on a daily basis; access to the Internet will be available for two hours a day, from 1800 to 2000 local time. Bookmark <https://ft4gl.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/61557262192352> for more information and updates. full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. QSL via [F4FTV](#).

-[425DXN # 1716 March 23, 2024] (0524-0621)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators at club station FY5KE are QRV as **TO60CSG** each weekend in April, May, and June to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Guiana Space Centre. See detailed information at [TO60CSG](#). QSL direct to [FY5KE](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 14 April 4, 2024] (0405-0628)

G, ENGLAND. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the RSGB's National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park will host the special event station **GB2DAY** on **June 6th-9th**. Look for activity on 80 and 40 meters SSB and CW. QSL via eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0614)

G, ENGLAND. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy (June 6, 1944), members of the Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society will be active as **GB80DDAY** from **June 1st to 28th**, with a special focus of activity on June 6th. QSL via eQSL, or via [M0OXO's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0628)

G, ENGLAND. Joining Guglielmo Marconi's 150th anniversary celebrations, the Cornish Radio Amateur Club (GX4CRC) will be active as **GB15ØGM** from **April 27th until July 27th**. This activity participates in the "Marconi 150 Award", organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) and the Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane (CSMI) under the patronage of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation. See IR2GMCL below. QSL via eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1720 April 20, 2024] (0426-0726)

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings (June 6, 1944), the Rushyhill Radio Society (MNØUGP) will be active as **GB8DDY** from **June 1st to 28th**. A certificate will be available, but QSL cards will not be provided - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/GB8DDY> for information.

-[425DXN # 1724 May 18, 2024] (0531-0628)

GM, SCOTLAND. Look for **GB9DAT** to be active on **June 1st-28th** on a variety of digital modes (including FT8, FT4, PSK, and RTTY, among others). This is a "special event station dedicated to advancing and promoting digital modes in amateur radio". QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or direct to [MMØDFV](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0628)

HS, THAILAND. Brad, VK2BY, operates as **HSØZNR** from **May 24th to June 13th**. QSL via [VK2BY](#).

-[DXNL # 2407 May 22, 2024] (0524-0614)

I, ITALY. Domenico, IK1MNF will be active again as **IK1MNF/IA5** from Isola d'Elba (EU-028) from **early June through the end of September**. He will operate SSB on 20-6 meters. QSO will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW; QSL via [IK1MNF](#).

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0621)

I, ITALY. Celebrating Pesaro Capitale Italiana della Cultura (Italian Capital of Culture) 2024, members of ARI Pesaro and ARI Fano will be active as **I16CIC** from **June 1st to August 29th**. QSL via [I16PS](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0830)

I, ITALY. Members of ARI Colli Albani (IQØHV) will be active as **I1ØLOR** from **May 31st to June 30th** to mark the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Rome (June 4, 1944). A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/I1ØLOR> for information. QSL via [IØKNQ](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0705)

I, ITALY. Participating in the Museum Ships Weekend (**June 1st-2nd**), members of ARI Genova (IQ1GE) will operate special event station **I11NS** from the "Nazario Sauro", a submarine formerly in service with the Italian Navy, and now moored at the Galata Maritime Museum. QSL via eQSL, bureau or direct.

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0607)

I, ITALY. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI's Board of Directors will be active as **IR2GMCL** from **April 28th to July 27th** during the "Marconi 150 Award". See <https://www.qrz.com/db/IR2GMCL> for the rules. Paper QSL cards will not be provided; electronic QSLs may be downloaded from the HamAward platform.

-[425DXN # 1720 April 20, 2024] (0426-0726)

I, ITALY. Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as **IR3POLO** from **April 1st to June 30th**. The special callsign commemorates the 700th anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271-1295). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

-[425DXN # 1716 March 23, 2024] (0329-0628)

JA, JAPAN. Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as **JA4GXS/1** from Izu Oshima (AS-008) on **June 1st-3rd**. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40, 30, 20 and 6 meters. QSL via [JA4GXS](#).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0510-0531)

JA, JAPAN. Take, JI3DST will be active again from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) from **April 24th to June 26th**. Callsigns to be used are **JS6RRR**, **JS6RRR/6**, **JI3DST/6**, **JJ5RBH/6** and **JR8YLY/6** on

SSB and CW, as well as **JS6RRR/p**, **J13DST/p**, **JJ5RBH/p** and **JR8YLY/p** on FT8/FT4. QSOs will be made available for ClubLog and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

-[425DXN # 1720 April 20, 2024] (0419-0628)

JD1/O, OGASAWARA. Tosy, JA6VZB will be active as **JD1BQW** from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from **May 22nd to June 5th**, including entries in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 25th-26th) and the ARRL Digital Contest (June 1st-2nd). He plans to concentrate on 12 and 6 meters FT8 before and after the contests. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via the bureau to [JA6VZB](#).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0517-0607)

K, UNITED STATES. Matt, AF2F plans to be active as **K4H** from Hatteras Island (NA-067) from **May 25th to June 2nd**. He plans to focus on 6 meters in anticipation of some good DX openings, otherwise he will be on the HF bands mostly CW. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0607)

OX, GREENLAND. Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as **OX3LX** from Greenland on **June 1st-15th**. In his spare time, he will be QRV from Tasiilaq (grid HP15) on Ammassalik Island (NA-151), and maybe also from Isertoq (grid HP05) on mainland Greenland. Usually, he operates FT8 and SSB. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via [OZ0J](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0531-0614)

SM, SWEDEN. Lars, SM6CUK will be active holiday style as **SA6G/7** from Ven Island (EU-137) on **June 3rd-9th**. He will operate mainly CW on 40-6 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW. QSL via [SM6CUK](#).

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0614)

SP, POLAND. Special callsigns **SP900CPZ**, **3Z1OTTON**, **HF1OTTON**, **SN1OTTON**, **SO1OTTON**, **SP1OTTON** and **SQ1OTTON** will be active from **June 3rd to July 2nd** to mark the 900th anniversary of the first mission to Pomerania undertaken by Otto, bishop of Bamberg. A certificate will be available, see <https://sp1kze.pzk.org.pl/900.html#en> for information.

-[425DXN # 1726 June 1, 2024] (0531-0705)

SP, POLAND. Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the SP DX Club, special callsigns **SP65S**, **SO65P**, **SN65D**, **HF65X** and **3Z65C** will be active on **June 1st-16th**. A certificate will be available; complete information can be found on <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/spdxc/index.php>.

-[425DXN # 1724 May 18, 2024] (0531-0621)

SV9, CRETE. Erwin, DK5EW (<https://dk5ew.com/>) will be active as **SV8/DK5EW** from Crete Island (EU-015) from **May 30th to June 20th**. He will be QRV on 6 and 4 meters only from grid locators KM35 (May 30th - June 5th) and KM15 (June 8th-20th). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to [DK5EW](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0621)

TR, GABON. Roland, F8EN will be active again as **TR8CR** from Gabon from **May 15th until the end of June** (maybe longer). He will operate CW only and will celebrate his 96th birthday while there. Log search on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. QSL via [F6AJA](#).

-[425DXN # 1723 May 11, 2024] (0510-0628)

V4, ST. KITTS & NEVIS. Once again John, W5JON will be active as **V47JA** from St. Kitts (NA-104) from **May 28th to June 13th**. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to [W5JON](#).

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0614)

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN IS. Jonathan, **VP2V/W5GI**, will be active on **May 22nd to June 3rd** from Anegada Island (NA-023). QRV mostly on 20-10m on SSB. QSL via LoTW or qrz.com.

-[DXNL # 2407 May 22, 2024] (0524-0607)

VP6, PITCAIRN I. Dave, WJ2O, will be active as **VP6DF** from **May 30th to June 10th**. QRV on 40-10m, mostly on CW, with 100W. After Pitcairn he will move on to Tahiti as FO/WJ2O from June 12th to 15th. QSL via [N2ZN](#) or LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2408 May 29, 2024] (0531-0614)

VU, INDIA. A number of special event stations will be active from Kargil, in the Indian Himalayan Region, to celebrate the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day):

May 26th-30th **AT25KVG** QSL via [VU2IRD](#)
 May 30th-June 3rd **AU25KVD** QSL via [VU2XFD](#)
 June 3rd-7th **AT25KVE** QSL via [VU2URC](#)
 June 10th-14th **AT25KAR** QSL via [VU2FI](#)
 June 25th-30th **AT25KVF** QSL via the bureau

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0629)

VU, INDIA. Jose, VU2JOS, operates around the World Communications Day with the callsign **AU5J** until June 30th. QSL via [VU2JOS](#).

-[DXNL # 2407 May 22, 2024] (0524-0628)

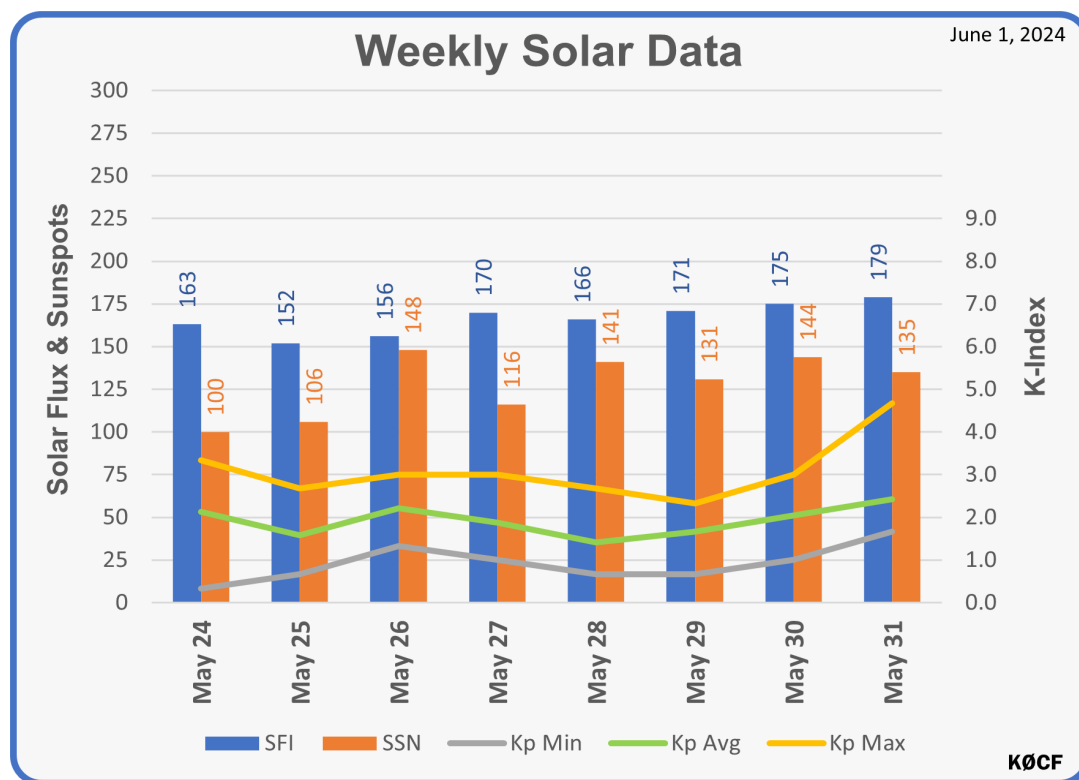
YU, SERBIA. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Radio Beograd (October 1, 1924) members of the Belgrade Amateur Radio Club (YU1ANO) will be active as **YT100RB** and **YU1924RB** until November 30th. A certificate will be available, see <https://yu1ano.org/> for the details.

-[425DXN # 1725 May 25, 2024] (0524-0614)

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, **Z81D**, has set up all his antennas at his new location and is back on 80-10m (SSB, FT8). QSL via [OM3JW](#) OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2406 May 15, 2024] (0517-0607)

Propagation (Updated daily)



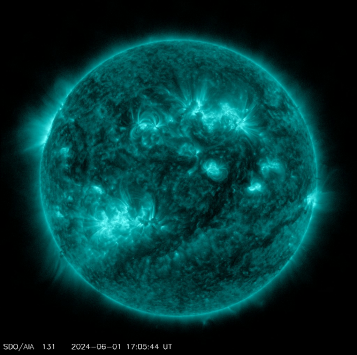
The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number (SSN) and Planetary K-index (Kp) for the past 8 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

The Daily Solar Flux Index, Sunspot number, Planetary K-index, Solar Flux predictions and Solar Flare data used in this bulletin have been collected by KØCF from the U.S. Department of Commerce's NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center.

The propagation graphs above are the creations of KØCF and are unique in space weather reporting.

Please Note: The graphs are high resolution .PNG files which you may view in greater detail using your browser's "zoom" feature. Alternatively, right click on the graph and select "Open Image in New Tab" to enlarge it, or "Save Image As..." to save it to your computer for further analysis.

NASA's current view of the Sun at a wave-length of 131 Angstroms. This wavelength shows incredible solar detail.



Click [here](#) or on the image to view as a full screen 48-hour video loop. It is fascinating!

Propagation Summary

For the 8 day period from Friday, May 24th through yesterday, May 31st.

The average solar flux was 167, down 22 points from the previous week, with a weekly high of 179 on Friday, May 31st, following a low of 152 on May 25th.

The average sunspot count was 132, down by 3 from last week, peaking at 148 on Sunday, May 26th after a weekly low of 100 on May 24th.

The Planetary K-index weekly average was 3.1 with a maximum of 4.7 on Friday, May 31st, resulting in generally quiet geomagnetic conditions. Yesterday's K-index maximum was 4.7, producing generally quiet geomagnetic conditions.

Solar flare activity since May 25th has been high with 10 major flares, the largest of which was a major X 2.8 event on Monday, May 27th.

Propagation Data

Major solar flares, Saturday, May 25th through 1230 UTC, June 1st.

#	Date	UTC	Mag.
1	Jun 01	0848	X 1.4
2	May 31	2203	X 1.1
3	May 31	1120	M 1.0
4	May 30	0713	M 1.0
5	May 29	1841	M 5.7
6	May 29	1437	X 1.4
7	May 29	1121	M 1.8
8	May 29	0645	M 1.4
9	May 29	0106	M 1.3
10	May 27	0708	X 2.8

(NOAA's graph of recent flare activity: [GOES-X-Ray-Flux](#))

From the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center, here are the probabilities of major solar flares and the predicted 10.7 cm Solar Flux for the next 3 days. NOAA updates this information daily.



Date	M-Flares	X-Flares	Solar Flux
Jun 1	75%	35%	185
Jun 2	75%	35%	185
Jun 3	75%	35%	185

Looking farther ahead, here is the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center forecast of 10.7 cm radio flux and maximum Planetary K-index (Kp) for the next 12 days. This data is updated by NOAA every Monday (last updated on May 27, 2024).

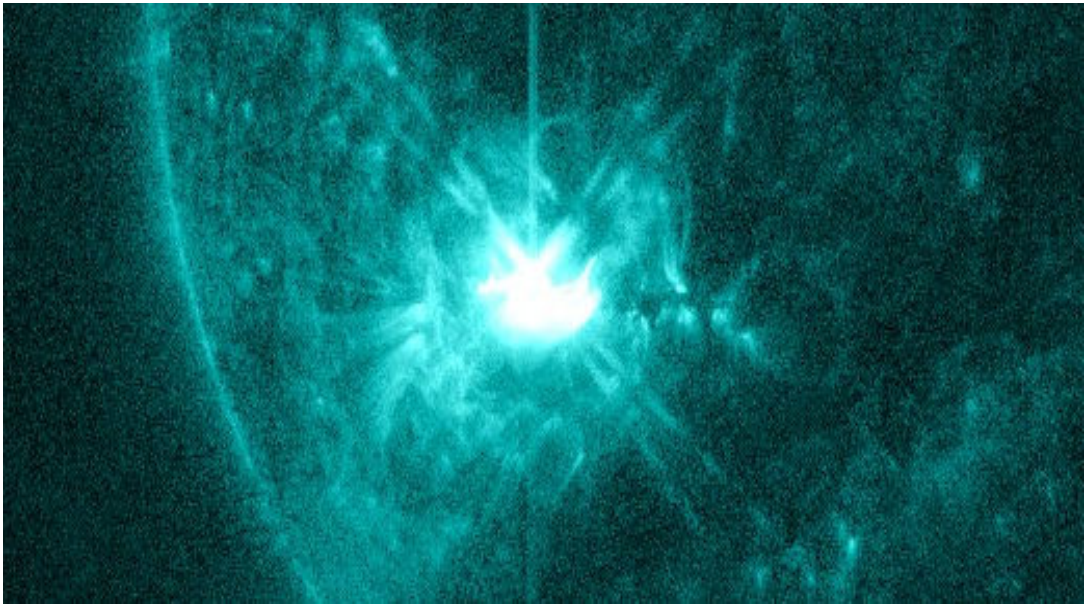
Date	Flux	Kp
Jun 1	165	2
Jun 2	165	2
Jun 3	175	2
Jun 4	175	2

Date	Flux	Kp
Jun 5	190	2
Jun 6	200	2
Jun 7	210	2
Jun 8	200	3

Date	Flux	Kp
Jun 9	195	4
Jun 10	190	3
Jun 11	185	4
Jun 12	180	3

Yet Another X-Flare

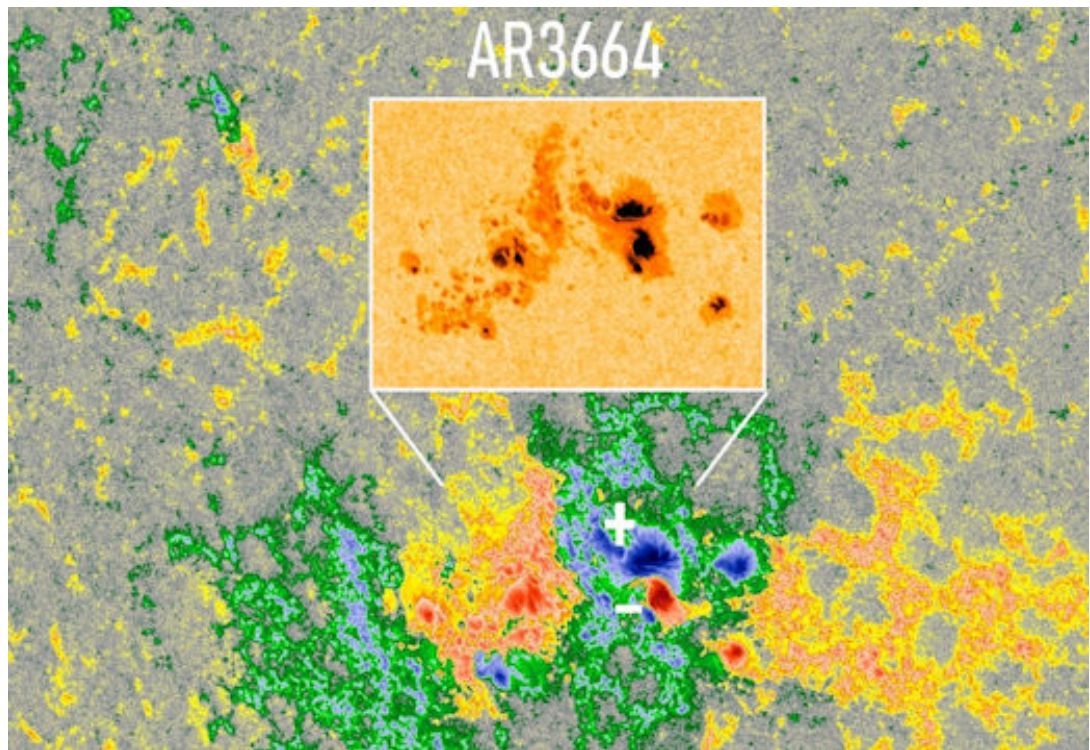
Sunspot AR3664 (a.k.a. AR3697) has decayed, but it is still potent. On May 31st it emitted another X-flare (X1.1), the third this week. NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory captured the extreme ultraviolet flash:



Radiation from the flare ionized the top of Earth's atmosphere, briefly causing a shortwave radio blackout over the Pacific side of North America. Signals below 30 MHz faded for as much as 30 minutes after the flare's peak (May 31st @ 2203 UT).

The flare, while intense, was too brief to lift a significant CME out of the sun's atmosphere. SOHO coronagraph images show no solar storm clouds heading for Earth.

What makes a decaying sunspot like AR3664 so active? This magnetic map provides the answer:



Within the sunspot's primary core, two oppositely-signed magnetic poles are crowded together, + vs. -. When this happens, magnetic recombination can cause very powerful explosions even from a sunspot that's falling apart. NOAA forecasters estimate a 35% chance of X-flares and a 75% chance of M-flares on June 1st.

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Highs for Cycle 25

Solar Flux: 234 on January 15, 2023.

Sunspots: 283 on April 21, 2024.

Popular Propagation web sites

<https://prop.kc2g.com/> (Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map)

NOAA <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.spaceweather.com/>

<https://www.solarham.com/>

<https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

A Propagation Tutorial

The solar X-ray flux tracks solar activity and solar flares. Solar flux, which can vary from as low as 50 to as high as 300, influences the level of ionization in the F2 region of the ionosphere, providing a very good prediction of HF DX conditions. The higher the solar flux, the better conditions will be for the higher HF frequencies and even 6 meters. However, the levels need to be maintained for some days to allow ionization in the F2 layer to build up. A solar flux of 150 results in good HF band conditions, while levels of 200 and up can provide great conditions.

Large X-ray flares on the sun can increase the ionization of the D layer of the ionosphere (a lower layer) on the sunlit side of the Earth, greatly attenuating or blocking HF radio transmissions for up to a half hour. Solar flares often produce Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) which, if Earth directed, can lead to geomagnetic storms. Some large flares are also accompanied by strong radio bursts that may interfere with other radio frequencies and cause problems for satellite communication and radio navigation (GPS).

The Planetary K-index is a measure of the magnitude of geomagnetic storms and is an excellent indicator of disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field. A level of 1 or 2 represents quiet geomagnetic conditions; a reading of 3 or 4 may cause some propagation deterioration; 5 and 6 are minor to moderate geomagnetic storms; and 7 to 9 are strong, severe, and extreme storm conditions. Strong

geomagnetic storms can trigger Auroral displays and cause HF radio blackouts. Higher geomagnetic activity also has the adverse effect of lowering maximum usable frequencies, much like lower solar flux does.

For best conditions, the solar flux should be above 150 for a few days with the K index below 2. When these conditions are met, some good DX is likely!

-[Compiled from information on NOAA.gov and other sources]

Contest Calendar

Weekly Contests

Contest	Start UTC		End	Web Site
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Monday	0000Z	0100Z	Rules
ICWC Medium Speed Test	Monday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Monday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Tuesday	0300Z	0400Z	
CWops Test (CWT)	Wednesday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Wednesday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Thursday	0300Z	0400Z	
	Thursday	0700Z	0800Z	
Weekly RTTY Test	Friday	0145Z	0215Z	Rules
NCCC CW Sprint (NS)	Friday	0230Z	0300Z	Rules

Note: Start Days are in UTC, e.g. Monday at 0000 UTC is Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Central Daylight Saving Time zone, or Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Central Standard Time zone.

Full Calendar

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
Kentucky QSO Party	Jun 1	1300Z	Jun 2	0100Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	Jun 1	1800Z	Jun 2	2400Z	Rules
ARRL June VHF Contest	Jun 8	1800Z	Jun 10	0300Z	Rules
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Jun 15	1500Z	Jun 16	1500Z	Rules
West Virginia QSO Party	Jun 15	1600Z	Jun 16	0400Z	Rules
ARRL Kids Day	Jun 15	1800Z	Jun 15	2359Z	Rules
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	Jun 22	1200Z	Jun 23	1200Z	Rules
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	Jun 22	1200Z	Jun 23	1200Z	Rules
ARRL Field Day	Jun 22	1800Z	Jun 23	2100Z	Rules
RAC Canada Day Contest	Jul 1	0000Z	Jul 1	2359Z	Rules
IARU HF World Championship	Jul 13	1200Z	Jul 14	1200Z	Rules
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	Jul 20	1800Z	Jul 21	2100Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, RTTY	Jul 20	1800Z	Jul 21	0559Z	Rules
RSGB IOTA Contest	Jul 27	1200Z	Jul 28	1200Z	Rules

Alabama QSO Party	Jul 27	1500Z	Jul 28	0300Z	Rules
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	Aug 3	0001Z	Aug 4	2359Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, CW	Aug 3	1800Z	Aug 4	0600Z	Rules
WAE DX Contest, CW	Aug 10	0000Z	Aug 11	2359Z	Rules
Maryland-DC QSO Party	Aug 10	1400Z	Aug 11	0400Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, SSB	Aug 17	1800Z	Aug 18	0600Z	Rules
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	Aug 18	1800Z	Aug 18	2359Z	Rules
Hawaii QSO Party	Aug 24	0400Z	Aug 26	0400Z	Rules
World Wide Digi DX Contest	Aug 24	1200Z	Aug 25	1200Z	Rules
YO DX HF Contest	Aug 24	1200Z	Aug 25	1200Z	Rules
Kansas QSO Party	Aug 24	1400Z	Aug 25	2000Z	Rules
Ohio QSO Party	Aug 24	1600Z	Aug 25	0400Z	Rules
UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	Aug 31	1200Z	Sep 1	1200Z	Rules

-[Contest data courtesy of the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#)]